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a definition of the limits of the invention, for which reference should be made to the appended claims.--

Page 21, after the last line, insert the following new paragraph:

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--Thus, while there have been shown and described and pointed out fundamental novel features of the present invention as applied to preferred embodiments thereof, it will be understood that various omissions and substitutions and changes in the form and details of the devices described and illustrated, and in their operation, and of the methods described may be made by those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit of the present invention. For example, it is expressly intended that all combinations of those elements and/or method steps which perform substantially the same function in substantially the same way to achieve the same results are within the scope of the invention. Substitutions of elements from one described embodiment to another are also fully intended and contemplated. It is the intention, therefore, to be limited only as indicated by the scope of the claims appended hereto.--

Page 22, line 1, delete "CLAIMS:", and insert ~~therefore~~ --What is claimed is:--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 3, 5 and 9 to read as follows:

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3. A method according to claim 1, wherein said mobile station is in communication with a base transceiver station in the internal cellular communications network prior to hand-off.

A4 5. A method according to claim 1, wherein the internal cellular communications network comprises an internal network controller which carries out the prediction and issues said hand-off advance request.

A5 9. A network controller according to claim 7, wherein said external network controller is in communication with said internal network controller by a packet communication path for transmission of said hand-off advance request.

Add the following new claims:

A6 10. A method according to claim 2, wherein said mobile station is in communication with a base transceiver station in the internal cellular communications network prior to hand-off.

11. A method according to claim 2, wherein the internal cellular communications network comprises an internal network controller which carries out the prediction and issues said hand-off advance request.

12. A method according to claim 3, wherein the internal cellular communications network comprises an internal network controller which carries out the prediction and issues said hand-off advance request.

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13. A method according to claim 4, wherein the internal cellular communications network comprises an internal network controller which carries out the prediction and issues said hand-off advance request.

14. A network controller according to claim 8, wherein said external network controller is in communication with said internal network controller by a packet communication path for transmission of said hand-off advance request.